

St. Mary's Preparatory

ESTABLISHED 1885 - A PART OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
A PRESTIGIOUS CENTER OF CATHOLIC FORMATION, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AND CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS

3535 COMMERCE RD. ★ ORCHARD LAKE, MI ★ 48324 ★ (248) 683-0530

www.stmarysprep.com

8/16/17

Dear St. Mary's Community,

Today marks the next chapter in the storied history of St. Mary's Preparatory and Orchard Lake Schools. The Prep has a rich history of over 132 years of developing fine young men instilled with a strong spiritual, academic, and athletic foundation as a result of their time at the Prep. Today, we write to you to express our commitment of ensuring that the Prep is well positioned for another century of continuing to fulfill our mission of providing deserving young men the moral guidance, discipline, and education to become Christ-like models of service and leadership for the world. We are happy to announce two major projects that will ensure the operational vitality of the Prep.

We are pleased to inform you that the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents and the Prep Board of Trustees has approved an **upgrade and modernization of the existing fifteen classrooms in the Prep Building** and the **construction of a new modern state of the art classroom building**. In combination, these projects will ensure that current and future Eaglets are provided with the best possible physical learning environment to complement the existing outstanding faculty and staff.

The ability to make this commitment to the future of the Prep was only made possible through the generosity of a number of benefactors who have provided the Prep with substantial gifts that serve as the foundation for these projects. The over \$1.1 million renovation of the classrooms in the Prep Building is fully funded and work has already begun on this project. Other gifts have allowed the Board(s) to move forward with planning of the \$10 million new classroom project. The Board will soon be announcing a development campaign to raise the remaining funds necessary for the new building to be fully paid for. We look forward to sharing more information about the campaign with you in the coming months. There will be many ways for you to be a part of this moment in history for the Prep. Whether you are able to pledge to furnish a classroom or provide a student desk, your help, on any level, will advance the timeline of this project and ensure that as many young men as possible benefit from this endeavor.

In the coming months we will have much more to share with you on both of these projects. Currently, architects are developing plans for the upgraded classrooms in the Prep Building. When and where possible, we will begin work on improvements to the Prep building during the 2017-18 school year. Please see the following link to review renderings of what these new learning spaces may look like "Prep Classroom Renderings". We look forward to working with students, parents, faculty, and staff to ensure that the final plans meet the collective needs of our community. In the interim, we hope that you will consider how you may be able to support these important projects.

Respectfully,

Very Reverend Canon Miroslaw K. Krol Chancellor Orchard Lake Schools Mr. Steve Gross Chairman Board of Regents

Mr. Phil Cushman Chairman

Prep Board of Trustees

Mr. Cormac Lynn Headmaster Prep '97